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"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE SAFETY."

1 After line 41, insert the following:

2 "(e) The construction safety and health course required under
3 subsection (a) of this section shall be conducted, and all published
4 materials associated with such course shall be written, in English
5 only."

6 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
7 internal references accordingly:

8 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The English language
9 shall be the official language of the state. Neither the state nor any
10 political subdivision of the state shall require by statute, ordinance,
11 regulation, order, program or policy the use in the state of any
12 language other than English. Governmental officials and employees
13 shall be bound by the provisions of this section during the
14 performance of government business. No governmental document
15 shall be valid, effective or enforceable unless it is printed in the English

16 language. The state and all political subdivisions of the state shall take
17 all reasonable steps to preserve, protect and enhance the role of the
18 English language as the official language of the state. Notwithstanding
19 any provision of this section, the state and political subdivisions of the
20 state may act in a language other than English (1) to assist students
21 who are not proficient in the English language by providing
22 educational instruction in languages other than English to provide as
23 rapid as possible a transition to English, (2) to provide foreign
24 language instruction as part of a required or voluntary education
25 curriculum, (3) to allow for Latin on the state seal and on government
26 documents, (4) to allow legislators to communicate with constituents
27 in languages other than English, (5) to comply with federal laws, (6) to
28 protect public health and safety, and (7) to protect the rights of
29 criminal defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this section shall
30 prohibit the printing of proper names."